

FIFTY-FIRST Annual Report

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Trustees of Shaw University

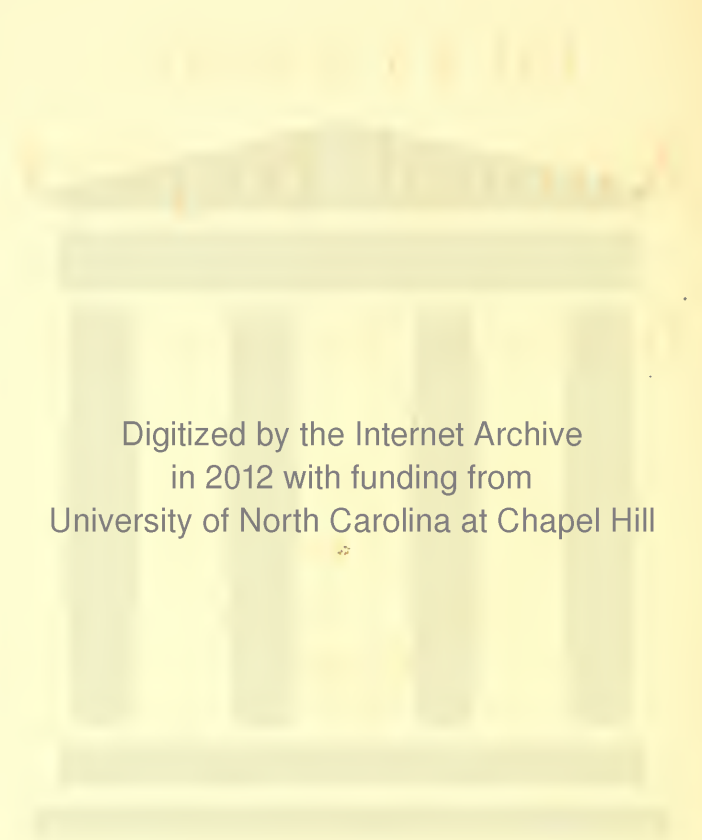
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**Corresponding Secretary of the
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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

RALEIGH, N. C., May 31, 1916

I submit herewith my twenty-second Annual Report, which is the fifty-first since the establishment of the institution. The financial crisis through which the nation has been passing has added largely to the burdens of administration. Notwithstanding the financial problems, the end of the year shows a small balance on the right side. A united faculty and harmonious student body have made the year pleasant and successful. The student body has been composed in the main of a fine type of young men and young women who have recognized their obligations to themselves, to their teachers, to the institution and to their Maker.

RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES.—Early in the year Rev. C. E. Askew, D. D., pastor of the First Baptist Church of Raleigh, conducted for a week a special series of evangelistic meetings. The attendance, though voluntary, was large, and the meetings were participated in with deep interest by both teachers and students. It was a very quiet work of grace that resulted in the quickening of the religious life of the institution and the conversion of nearly all who were not professing Christians.

The Young Men's Christian Association and the Young Women's Christian Association and the Hayes-Fleming Missionary Society have made themselves felt. The voluntary Bible study classes have been carried on by the Young Men's Christian Association under the direction of Prof. W. C. Craver. The Hayes-Fleming Missionary Society has maintained Mission study classes. The work in Sunday School teacher-training has also received constant attention, under the faithful

instruction of Prof. W. C. Craver and Miss Elsie M. Bryant. Diplomas were awarded on Commencement day to all who had completed the course in teacher-training study. It is interesting to note that a devoted leader in Christian work, whose knowledge extends throughout the entire South, remarked to me some months ago that there was only one other institution where the religious activities and Christian atmosphere were on so high a plane as at Shaw University. I mention this not in a boasting spirit, but in humble recognition of God's guiding hand and the spirit of service on the part of the teachers and leading students, who have been striving to do their Master's will.

Community service has also received considerable attention. During seasons of inclement weather and at other times the older students have sought out the poor and needy in the vicinity of the institution, and been the means of alleviating much suffering. A teacher-training Sunday School, made up of children from the city who would not otherwise attend any Sunday School, has been carried on under the direction of Miss Bryant, Miss Lennon and others.

Quite a number of the older students taught classes in the Sunday Schools connected with the churches in the city and immediate vicinity.

HEALTH.—There has been no epidemic and very little sickness. The health conditions of the institution have been good. The quality of the city water has been improved and is now of the very best.

NEW COURSES OF STUDY.—The new four years' B. S. course in medicine is proving successful. Two were graduated, and it is expected that the attendance in this department next year will be considerably larger.

I renew my recommendation for the establishment of a school

of Dentistry. A school of Dentistry can be operated without much additional expense, for several subjects that must be taken in a course of Dentistry are already given in the courses in Medicine and Pharmacy.

The practice school had an enrollment of sixty and made commendable progress. Miss Anna E. Foster, the teacher in charge, did excellent work, and the indications are for a larger attendance next year. The closing exercises on the campus under the broad spreading sycamore tree attracted a large audience and were very successful.

Work has already begun in a small way in the changes in the Medical dormitory. The Executive Board of the Baptist State Convention are to raise two thousand dollars for these improvements, and considerable progress has been made. When this building is remodelled, as planned, it will make a very suitable and comfortable home for the Theological department.

FINANCES.—I made the statement in my last Annual Report that the year ended May 31, 1915, had been the hardest that I had known in my long experience in educational work. The year ending May 31, 1916, was, if possible, harder financially than the preceding. So many parents were out of work, and in some sections of the State the crops were so short it made it very difficult for them to meet their obligations. It is greatly to their credit that the year has closed with only a comparatively small sum due from the students.

I began early in April to seek members for the Shaw University Semi-centennial Commencement Club, but when I found later on that the Executive Board of the United Baptist Education and Missionary Convention of North Carolina wished to hold a rally at the May Commencement, I ceased soliciting. I have informed those who have already contributed that I

should change over to "The Shaw University Christmas Club," and request contributions to be sent in during the holidays. This will leave Commencement week free for the operations of the Executive Board of the State Convention. Superintendent Brink approves of this change in plans. We had already received quite a sum and a complete report will be made early in the next calendar year. The work of raising funds has been interrupted somewhat by the illness of Dr. E. M. Brawley, pastor of the White Rock Baptist Church, Durham, N. C., who had the matter in charge. Dr. A. M. Moore, treasurer, who is deeply interested, reports that while the money is not all in, progress is being made and he believes the full sum will be realized.

It is an occasion for profound gratitude that notwithstanding the financial stringency, all bills have been paid and the debt has been reduced from three thousand to two thousand dollars. The interest on the debt has been promptly met, and two hundred and thirty-three dollars paid in purchasing for Shaw University the life right of Haywood Barbee, in the estate of the late Mary Barbee. In other words, if there had been no debt, and had it not been necessary to protect Shaw University by purchasing the life right referred to, there would have been a surplus of a little more than one thousand five hundred dollars, a condition in marked contrast with that of a number of institutions who closed the year with a deficit.

PHYSICAL CONDITIONS.—The physical conditions are better than they were a year ago. The Administration Building, Estey and Shaw have been painted and floors laid in the halls of the first two stories of Estey. New floors are needed in nearly all the buildings, for they have not been renewed since the buildings were erected many years ago. Some sanitary

conveniences, installed in the hospital, can be removed to Shaw Hall to meet the demands there.

The changes contemplated in the hospital building will make this a home for the College department, and provide ample facilities for the library and reading room.

HIGHER SALARIES.—I renew my recommendations made several times for an increase in salaries. In view of the greatly increased cost of living it will not be possible for us to retain indefinitely some of our most valuable teachers. Were it not for their love of Shaw University and the Home Mission Society, some would have gone elsewhere years ago.

HIGHER REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMISSION AND GRADUATION.—These requirements, put into effect two years ago, have proven very satisfactory. Some feared that the result would be a decreased attendance, but notwithstanding the hard times, the number of institutions of higher grade in North Carolina, and the doing away of our departments of Law and the four years' course in Medicine, we had an increase in attendance. The enrollment in all departments outside the practice school was three hundred and six, and with the practice school three hundred and sixty-six. At this rate of increase it will not be long before the dormitory accommodations will all be taken.

GYMNASIUM AND Y. M. C. A. BUILDING.—In view of the action of the Executive Board of the Baptist State Convention in raising funds to remodel the Medical dormitory as a home for the Theological school, the building, only partially completed and originally intended for the Theological department, should be completed as soon as funds can be secured, and used for a Gymnasium and Young Men's Christian Association. This will fill two long-felt wants. Graduates of

Shaw ought to rouse themselves and raise money to bring about this desired result.

SUMMER SCHOOL.—There ought to be each year a summer school. The facilities for such a school, together with the central location in the capital city, one of the most beautiful cities of the South, would make the school successful, if it could be properly financed. Hampton and other institutions cannot accommodate all who wish to attend a summer school. I am confident that a summer school with a good corps of teachers and low charges could do a wonderful amount of good.

MISCELLANEOUS.—There has been a fine degree of harmony and co-operation on the part of the members of the faculty, and the students have also shown a fine spirit of co-operation. I have never seen the students take such interest in the institution. Two or three departments had special meetings and pledged more than six hundred dollars for improvements. Some of it cannot be paid until they graduate, but the beautiful feature of the whole affair was that it was entirely voluntary. They held meetings and provided refreshments at their own expense and invited the teachers to meet and rejoice with them.

There are many needs to be met, such as a suitable gateway at the entrance, a suitable fence along South Street, permanent benches or seats on various parts of the campus. A clock should be installed in the tower of Shaw Hall, and drinking fountains in each of the dormitories and at suitable places on the campus.

SEMI-CENTENNIAL.—Shaw University began its career in the autumn of 1865, and it was thought proper to observe at the last Commencement the semi-centennial of its founding.

The special observance was in charge of the Alumni Association, under the direction of Col. James H. Young, president. The exercises were of a high order, and passed off successfully. The procession on the campus on the afternoon of Wednesday, May 10th, was composed of a large number of graduates. Many classes were represented and the attendance of graduates and former students was larger than ever before in the history of Shaw Commencements. The banquet in the University dining hall in the evening was largely attended and greatly enjoyed.

The exercises on the campus around the last resting place of Dr. Henry Martin Tupper, the founder and first President, were very impressive.

The Executive Board of the Baptist State Convention met on Wednesday and unanimously passed resolutions commending the administration of the institution, and pledging loyal support. The Commencement of 1916 was the largest ever held and means much for the future.

I append herewith my financial report, a copy of which has already been forwarded to Mr. F. T. Moulton, Treasurer.

Annual Financial Report of Shaw University to the American Baptist Home Mission Society

FOR THE YEAR COMMENCING JUNE 1, 1915, AND ENDING MAY 31, 1916

INCOME ACCOUNT

RECEIPTS

From tuition, board, room rent.....	\$15,054 62
Books sold to students.....	531 60
Old accounts.....	299 00
Contributions from White Churches, etc.....	123 00

Contributions from Negro Churches, etc.....	352 73
Am. Bapt. Home Mission Society.....	13,936 47
Women's Home Mission Societies, Chicago...	1,050 00
Slater Fund.....	2,000 00
All other sources not included in above.....	2,856 48
Students' deposits.....	1,010 71
Teachers' Board.....	156 00
Diplomas and certificates.....	141 00
Sewing, Millinery and Domestic Science Depts.	75 17
Total receipts.....	<u>\$37,586 78</u>

EXPENDITURES

Boarding Department:

Food supplies.....	\$ 4,802 67
Other supplies.....	31 08
Wages.....	800 43
Miscellaneous.....	48 89

Department of Instruction:

Salaries.....	15,295 77
Educational supplies.....	880 43
Miscellaneous.....	321 82

Maintenance of Buildings and Grounds:

Heat, Light and Power.....	2,224 87
Wages.....	2,851 36
Repairs and renewals.....	920 78
Miscellaneous.....	632 76

General Expenses:

Office salaries.....	864 75
Postage, stationery and catalogs.....	777 14
Traveling.....	572 46
Miscellaneous.....	7,627 01

Athletic Association (Fees)	296 73
Students' withdrawals	1,010 71
Prizes	59 50
Library	9 10
Paid on note Citizens National Bank	100 00
Interest on note	72 00
Administration building	100 00
Theological Fund	40 00
Fees returned	266 63
Hayes-Fleming Missionary Society	30 00
Am. Bapt. Home Mission Society	38 00
Total expenditures	\$40,674 89

CASH ACCOUNT

Balance in treasury beginning of year--\$	3,562 32
Receipts during year	37,586 78
Total	\$41,149 10
Disbursements during year	40,674 89
Balance in treasury end of year	474 21
Total	\$41,149 10

BILLS RECEIVABLE

From students for tuition and board	\$ 164 95
Benedict College	260 00
L. S. Matthews & Co.	40 00

BILLS PAYABLE

Note Citizens National Bank, Raleigh	\$2,400 00
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Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES FRANCES MESERVE,
President

